

I dined at the Marchioness de Sillery's and supped with the Beauveaus.

December 24. Spent the evening at the Duchess de Grammont's. She is drawn to the life in "Adele et Theodore," in the character of a lady the Viscountess meets at Spa. Madame de Sillery read it to us, and said it was like her, except the *beaucoup d'esprit*, which she does not think Madame de Grammont really has. The Mar6chal de Beauveau's portrait is drawn in the same book, and, although very charming, is by no means flattered.

25th. I went to St. Germain to spend two days with Madame de Lamarck.

26th. Went out shooting with Mr. Durell in the vineyards of Poissy. Partridges in vast flocks.

When James II. resided at St. Germain his Court was kept up with as much etiquette as that of Louis XIV. at Versailles. At his dinner he and the Queen were alone seated and attended by a complete household of lords and ladies, stars, garters and ribands. The famous Duke of Tyrconnel, Talbot, a man of blunt speech, was Lord Chamberlain. The Duke of Berwick, natural son

to the ex-King, and then a general of
reputation in
the French army, had no more honours
shown to

📖 A novel, by Madame de Genlis (Sillery).